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Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the 12 critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action

Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 31, 33 and 36 (a) of part III of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session, on current challenges affecting the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part III)), at its _____ meeting, on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 31 was amended to read:

"Science and technology, as fundamental components of development, are transforming patterns of production, contributing to the creation of jobs and new job classifications, and ways of working, and contributing to the establishment of a knowledge-based society. Technological change can bring new opportunities for all women in all fields, if they have equal access and adequate training. Women should also be actively involved in the definition, design, development, implementation and gender impact evaluation of policies related to these changes. Many women worldwide are yet to effectively use these new communications technologies for networking, advocacy, exchange of information, business, education, media consultation and e-commerce initiatives. For instance, millions of the world's poorest women and men still

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do not have access to and benefits from science and technology and are currently excluded from this new field and the opportunities it presents."

(b) Paragraph 3 was amended to read:

"While recognizing that Governments have the primary responsibility to develop and implement policies to promote gender equality, partnerships between Governments and different actors of civil society are increasingly recognized as an important mechanism to achieve this goal. Additional innovative approaches can be further developed to foster this collaboration."

(c) In paragraph 36 (a), a comma was inserted after the words "fertility rates" and the boldface type was changed to lightface.